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"Celebrating 30 years (March 1991) of FREE DX News"

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 4th/April, through Sunday, 11th/April there were 212 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VP2E, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3Y/B, BOUVET ISLAND (The Major News of the Week!).....
* If you missed OPDX Special Bulletin (OPDX.1510.1 - Press Release from the Intrepid-DX Group, dated April 4th), here are excerpts from

the press release and Web page -- The Intrepid-DX Group will team-up with Intrepid Norwegian DXpeditioner Ken Opskar, LA7GIA, to activate Bouvet Island (the #2 Most Wanted DXCC Entity), between January/ February 2023.

In January 2023, 14 men will board the Braveheart in Capetown and make the treacherous voyage to Bouvet. They will plan to spend twenty days at Bouvet and weather permitting, they plan to have 14 to 16 good days of radio activity. The callsign will be 3Y0J, and they will be active on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8/FT4 modes.

From their Web page (https://3y0j.com/), the current 3Y0J team consists of Paul/N6PSE (Team Co-Leader), Ken/LA7GIA (Team Co-Leader), Axel/DL6KVA, Jun/JH4RHF, Kevin/K6TD, Laci/HA0NAR, Steve/W1SRD, Rune/ LA7THA, Bill/N2WB, Rob/N7QT, David/WD5COV, Erwann/LB1QI, Adrian/KO8SCA and Mike/AB5EB, with Honorary Team Members John Snuggerud/LA1VC (SK) and Dr. Charles E. Brady Jr./N4BQW (SK). The 3Y0J Support Team consists of Tony/EA5RM (Chief Pilot/EU Pilot), Lucas/W6AER (West Coast Pilot & Webmaster), Peter/W2IRT (East Coast Pilot), Hal/JR4OZR (JA/Asia Pilot), Mason/KM4SII (Youth Pilot), Siso/HK3W (South America Pilot), Luke/VK3HJ (VK/ZL Pilot) and Charles/M0OXO (QSL Manager). No real-time or online log will be available, however they will do daily uploads to ClubLog for Log Searching and Statistics. Log search and busted callsign functionality will be available on the M0OXO website.

The 3Y0J team is looking for funding, and details are available on their Web page. Each team member will contribute a minimum of 20,000 USDs each and your donation will be spent on securing the budget of 764,000 USDs.

Once again you can follow their plans from their Web site and the 3Y0J Facebook pages: http://www.3y0j.com
https://www.facebook.com/groups/901378553769436

* NCDXF NEWS (Press Release, dated April 4th)[edited] -- The Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) is pleased to announce it will be a major contributor (100,000 USDs) to the Intrepid DX Group's 3Y0J Bouvet Island DXpedition planned for January/February 2023. Bouvet Island is currently #2 Most Wanted globally on the ClubLog list.

NCDXF-supported DXpeditions have activated many of the ten most-needed entities. NCDXF-funded DXpeditions during Cycle 24 have put well over 1 million QSOs into DXers' logs! We expect to continue this mission for Cycle 25 and beyond.

The (https://3y0j.com/) has details of the 2023 Bouvet Island DXpedition.

DXpeditions to rare entities like Bouvet Island that are so remote are becoming more expensive and difficult to reach, a trend that we believe will continue. In the last three years, two DXpeditions have attempted activation of Bouvet, but severe storms damaged ships that were so very close.

NCDXF's primary purpose is to help fund well-organized DXpeditions to desirable DXCC entities like Bouvet Island. During the last 49 years, NCDXF has granted nearly $1.3 million to hundreds of DXpeditions - helping to put an "all-time-new-one" (ATNO) in the log and make DX happen for thousands of DXers worldwide. The credit for these large grants goes to the NCDXF contributors, individuals and clubs who support the DX community. Without those contributions, DXpeditions to entities like Bouvet or other desirable locations would not be possible.

If you agree with the importance of NCDXF's work, and if you are not a current contributor, we hope you will become one today by going

to (http://www.ncdxf.org/pages/join_renew.html). Your contribution will continue to help make DX happen. You can also support future DXpeditions by including the NCDXF Cycle 25 Fund in your estate plan.

We wish the Intrepid DX Group a safe and very successful trip to Bouvet Island.

73.... Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, NCDXF Secretary

* Bob Schenck, N2OO, INDEXA President, reports that the International DX Association (INDEXA) is a proud supporter of the 3Y0J DXpedition to Bouvet!

* Reports indicate Central Arizona DX Association (CADXA) became a proud supporter of the 3Y0J DXpedition to Bouvet!

* From DXEngineering News: Paul, N6PSE, Co-Leader of the January 2023 3Y0J DXpedition to Bouvet Island is the special guest on this weeks episode of the Weekend Special with Tim, K3LR! The video is just under 30 minute on YouTube.com on the DXE channel at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHS8nr49rWA&t=3s

* REBEL DX GROUP (Update, April 4th) -- FIRST UPDATE [edited]: Folks,

Due to the hundreds emails today regarding our plans for 3Y0I, the answer is nothing changed after 3Y0J publication. We are on track for this year activity from Bouvet Island by the end of the year.

SECOND UPDATE [edited]: PRESS RELEASE - 3Y0I, BOUVET 2021 BY REBEL DX GROUP -- First of all, we would like to wish the recently announced 3Y0J Bouvet DXpedition all the best for a successful activity in 2023. There is enough space for even 3 more activities from 3Y0 land. We know how much detailed planning goes into a project like this and cross fingers for them.

From a Rebel perspective, the 3Y0J announcement does not change our plans. December 15, 2021, is when we plan to leave Cape Town and again head south into the Roaring Forties and Furious Fifties before attempting a Bouvet landing. We absolutely know from experience how volatile the seas around this most remote island are.

Our team of 8 operators aim to spend up to 30 days on Bouvet. Depending on weather, we will likely spend 7-10 days each way on the high seas getting there and returning.

Once on the island and our camp is set up, we will run 8 stations covering 160-6m. Modes include CW, SSB, FT4/FT8, RTTY and OQ100.

The total budget for our Bouvet DXpedition is considerably less than that of 3Y0J. We also have had no backing from any of the DX foundations. Nonetheless, we are now missing only 32,000 USDs from our final cost of 267,000 USDs. We absolutely hope between now and December we can accrue this missing amount, and appeal to all generous donors to help us with our final push to meet target.

More info will be posted soon.

2021 CQMM DX CONTEST (Update). Ed, PY4WAS, continues to remind us that it is less than 1 week away that the CQMM DX Contest will take place between April 17-18th, and it is organized/coordinated by the CWJF Group. For more details see: http://www.cqmmdx.com

Here are some of the announced stations that will be on the air are:

3DA0AQ - QSL via EA5GL
5Z4PA - QSL via M0URX's OQRS, ClubLog or LoTW
CP6UA - QSL direct only or LoTW, "no eQSL"

EK6RL - QSL via direct
FK8IK - QSL via direct
HI3DX - QSL via direct
NP2J - QSL via K8RF; SOSB 40m; High-Power
OA1F - QSL via: Elena P. Moran, Rua do Codestal 5-3 Dcha,
15405 Ferrol (A Cornua), SPAIN
OA4DX - QSL via direct
TG9ADM - QSL via EA5GL
TG9AOR - QSL via EC6DX

2021 CTU (Virtual Event). Tim, K3LR, announced the following [edited]:

2021 CONTEST UNIVERSITY Live via Zoom Webinar (free) -
Thursday May 20, 2021

* REGISTRATION OPENS April 21, 2021 go to: http://contestuniversity.com

Each speaker will talk for 45 minutes with 15 minutes after for Q&A.

9:00 AM EDT (1300Z) Welcome to CTU by W8CI and K3LR
9:05 AM EDT (1305Z) WW2DX speaker "Cloud Contesting - Live Demonstration" - moderators NN1C and W9KKN
10:00 AM EDT (1400Z) W3LPL speaker "Preparing Your Station for Competition" - moderators NN1C and W9KKN
11:00 AM EDT (1500Z) M0DXR speaker "Contest Categories "Make the Most of Your Entry" - moderators W2NAF and KM3T
Noon EDT (1600Z) - Last 12 months - Contest Operator Silent Keys by K1AR and CONTEST BREAK
12:30 PM EDT (1630Z) DK6SP speaker "Youth - the Future of Contesters" - moderators W2NAF and KM3T
1:30 PM EDT (1730Z) UA9BA speaker "Contesting From Russia" - moderators K5TR and N5KO
2:30 PM EDT (1830Z) CT1BOH speaker "There is Nothing Magic About Propagation" - moderators K5TR and N5KO
3:30 PM EDT (1930Z) NC0B speaker "Transceiver Performance for the HF DX and Contest Operator" - moderators K1AR and N3RA
4:30 PM EDT (2030Z) Wrap up N9JA and K3LR
4:35 PM EDT (2035Z) 2021 CQ Contest Hall of Fame Presentation - K1AR

* FOUR ICOM HF Radios will be given away during CTU at random times. You must be registered in Zoom and present during the random time drawing.

More information is here: https://www.contestuniversity.com/course-outline/
Special Thanks to Hamvention, Icom America and DX Engineering for donating the radios and to QTH.com for website hosting.

2021 Virtual Contest University will be recorded and available on YouTube after the event is over.
... 73, Tim K3LR, Contest University Chairman

4X, ISRAEL (Special Callsign). Israel, 4X1OM, is sometimes active as 4X9AA from Ein Vered at the "Lev-Hasharon (private) Museum for History of Tractors and Agricultural machinery". (http://tractor.org.il) WW Loc: KM72LG and Holyland Square: G-12-HS. QSL via Bureau, eQSL or LoTW.

60 METERS NEWS. Joe, W8GEX, reports in his "60 Meter DX" newsletter:

"There have been 245 countries on 60 meters so far with the latest being A25RU from Botswana. Stations were wall-to-wall trying to get into his log." Recent activity reported: 3D2AG, 4X1MX, 5W1SA, 7X2RF, A25RU, A71AE, BA7IO, C31CT, C6AJB, E51WL, KH2L, KH6U, T77C, UN7CN, UN7MAU, V31MA, VE1YX, ZD7MY, ZF1EJ and ZS2EZ. Visit: https://60metersonline.com

A3, TONGA (Update). Masa, JA0RQV, will once again be active as A35JP from Tongatapu Island (OC-049) between May 30th and June 30th. Schedule might be changed due to Covid-19. He states, "This time, I will be stationed there as a resident supervisor of the international corporation project." Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. Equipment is an IC-7300 w/100W into a Vertical antenna. QSL via LoTW and ClubLog, or direct w/2 USDs or by the Bureau via his home callsign JA0RQV. He states, "If you need paper QSL, please be patient to receive it because I will be able to issue paper QSL after I return to Japan in November 2021. Please do not send SASE to my home address." He also mentions, "During the period, if possible, I will try to activate some outer islands again such as Niuatoputapu (OC-191), Niuafo'ou (OC-123), Vava'u (OC-064) and Ha'apai (OC-169). Details will be announced once decided." For more details and updates, visit his Blog page at: http://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv

CY0C SABLE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). Murray, WA4DAN, sent out the following on April 10th: "The Sable Island CY0C DXpedition team was informed this week by the Parks Canada-Sable Island manager that our scheduled October 2021 Sable DXpedition would have to be postponed due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Furthermore, because of the pandemic, Parks Canada is behind on their island maintenance projects and the Visitor Quarters will not be available for the DXpedition team. The Sable Island manager did extend an invitation to the team for October 2022, which the team unanimously accepted.

Obviously, the Sable Island DXpedition team is disappointed in not being able to follow through with the 2021 CY0C DXpedition. Hopefully the solar numbers and propagation will be much improved in October 2022.

Since the 2021 CY0C DXpedition is not possible, the Sable DXpedition team is offering a couple of options to the many foundations, clubs and individuals who have already sent financial support. We are offering complete refunds to those who request a refund. If you would like us to apply your contribution to the 2022 CY0C DXpedition, that will be available as well. Any refund requests should be directed to WA4DAN.

The CY0C team would like to thank the many foundations, clubs and individuals for their continuing support. Perseverance will pay off!

73, Murray Adams WA4DAN
2022 Sable Island DXpedition Team Leader

EH4, SPAIN (Special Event). Members of the Radio Club Henares (EA4RCH) will activate the special event callsign EH4WRD from San Fernando de Henares, Madrid, between April 12-18th, during the 2021 World Amateur Radio Day. QSL via EA4RCH.

II5, ITALY (Special Event). Look for special event station II5RCH from Grosseto between April 18th and May 9th, to be active during the 35th anniversary/memorial of the Chernobyl disaster. QSL via the address on QRZ.com or via the Bureau to IZ5RHU.

IOTA NEWS. The following are IOTA operations that were active this past week between April 5-10th (as per the DXCluster):

IOTA	Callsign	Island/GROUP	Bands/Modes
AF-004	EA8AT	CANARY	30m; CW/FT8
AF-004	EA8DHV	CANARY	20m; CW/SSB
AF-019	IG9ITO	Lampedusa	40/20m; SSB
AF-022	ZD7FT	ST HELENA	20m; SSB
AN-015	8J1RL	QUEEN MAUD LAND	20/17/15m; FT8
AS-003	4S6NCH	SRI LANKA	17m; FT8
AS-004	5B4XF	CYPRUS	17m; SSB
AS-007	JH3NGD	HONSHU	17m; SSB
AS-013	8Q7MS	MALDIVES	30/15m; CW
EU-002	OH0Z	ALAND	40m; CW
EU-005	2E0HXS/P	GREAT BRITAIN	20m; SSB
EU-005	G0HWK	GREAT BRITAIN	17m; SSB
EU-005	M0KVK	GREAT BRITAIN	40m; SSB
EU-005	M0MCV	GREAT BRITAIN	40m; SSB
EU-005	MM0ZBH	GREAT BRITAIN	30m; CW
EU-015	SV9ANK	CRETE	17m; SSB
EU-015	SV9IOI	CRETE	17m; SSB
EU-018	OY1R	FAROE	20m; SSB
EU-021	TF3MH	ICELAND	20m; FT8
EU-023	9H1AZ	MALTA	40m; FT8
EU-024	IS0AWZ	SARDINIA	20m; FT4
EU-025	IT9IJF	SICILY	40/20m; SSB
EU-031	IC8ATA	Procida	20m; SSB
EU-048	F4HXJ/P	GROIX	40m; SSB
EU-049	SX200RMA	NORTH AEGEAN	20m; SSB
EU-067	SZ200ERS	KYKLADES	40/30m; CW
EU-079	LB5GI	Sandsoy	20m; FT8
EU-089	CU8AI	WESTERN	40m; CW
EU-115	GI0LDI	IRELAND	20m; SSB
EU-116	MD0CCE	ISLE OF MAN	17m; CW
EU-131	IK3PQH/P	VENETO REGION	40m; SSB
EU-145	CT7/DJ4EL	Culatra	40/20/17m; SSB
EU-146	PA5MR	ZUID HOLLAND/ZEELAND PROVINCE	40m; SSB
EU-181	LZ1UBO	BULGARIA	40/20m; SSB
NA-015	CO7JY	CUBA	40m; CW
NA-018	OX3XR	Greenland	40m; CW
NA-058	K3UT	GA STATE	20m; CW
NA-096	HI8RD	HISPANIOLA	40m; CW
NA-099	KP4JRS	PUERTO RICO	40m; CW
NA-102	FG4SO	Guadeloupe	20m; SSB
NA-105	TO1K	ST MARTIN	20m; SSB
NA-106	KP2B	VIRGIN	20m; FT8
NA-107	FM8QR	MARTINIQUE	20m; SSB
OC-001	VK1OO	Australia	15m; FT8
OC-001	VK3XV	Australia	40m; SSB
OC-016	3D2AG	VITI LEVU AND VANUA LEVU	60/17m; FT8
OC-021	YB0IBM	JAVA	20m; SSB
OC-032	FK8HM	NEW CALEDONIA	20m; FT8
OC-042	4I1EBD	LUZON	20m; SSB
OC-088	9M6TMT	BORNEO	20m; SSB
OC-088	V85AHV	BORNEO	20m; SSB
SA-011	9Z4Y	TRINIDAD	15m; CW
SA-046	PY7XAF	PERNAMBUCO STATE	15m; SSB

** Thanks to the individuals who put the island/group and mode

on their QSNs on their PacketCluster reports. The format we suggest is "Mode/IOTA#/Island or Group" (ex. FT8/OC-146/Celebes).

AS-200. Take, JI3DST, will be active as JI3DST/5 (mainly for DX) and JR8YLY/5 (mainly for JA; Club station callsign of KCJ [Keymen's Club of Japan]) from Shodo Island between 0700z, April 29th, and 0000z, May 5th. Operation may vary due to heavy rain or other conditions. Activity will be on (possibly 80)/40/30/20/17/15/12/10/6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (possibly FM/RTTY). QSL JI3DST/5 via ClubLog's OQRS (direct or by the Bureau). QSL JR8YLY/5 via ClubLog (only Bureau).

NA-037. Fred, KB4DMQ, is hoping to be active soon as KL7FBI from Shemya Island. Specific dates have not been announced yet, or details of his operation. QSL Manager is John, AA0NN. There is some interesting details about the island and its history on QRZ.com.

NA-060. "The Daily DX" reports that Jeff, WB3ISP, is planning to operate from Indian Key on April 18th, for a few hours. Activity will be on 20, 15, 10 and 6 meters. QSL via LoTW or eQSL.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

KC4, ANTARCTICA. Mark, W5MED, who has been active as KC4USV from McMurdo Station on Ross Island (AN-011) in the Antarctica, is expected to be on the air at various time during "World Amateur Radio Day", April 18th. It is suggested to watch 14243 kHz on SSB and 14070 kHz on FT8. Mark will be there until October of this year. QSL via K7MT.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND (Update). Randy, WW6RG, informs OPDX of the following: [edited] First I had many QSO's, including Brazil, China and Japan on my last visit to Wake, except on April 1st. I was not operating due to the weather, it was a total washout. It happens in the tropics at times, but it made for a great Beach Day. I will be operating on Wake Island (KH9) on the following dates April 20th, 23rd, 27th and 29th. I will be working 17m and 20m QRP SSB, from 0400z until approximately 0730z. With a dinner break from 0540z to 0600z. No Digital modes. I am available for scheduled QSO's from 0400z to 0700z. Those times are somewhat flexible. My E-mail address can be found on QRZ.com. This may be my last visit to KH9 before I retire in September of this year, so if someone wants or needs a contact from Wake, now is the time. QSL via my home callsign WW6RG. No eQSL or LoTW. All times and dates are Z (UTC). There may be a slight change to the schedule and it may include a Kwajalein stay in place of a Wake date. I will keep you advised.

MDXC PRESENTATION (On Lightning Protection). Bob, W9EWZ, President of Madison DX Club, informs OPDX: Please join us and our special guest speaker for the Madison DX Club program for Tuesday, April 13th. All are welcome:
"Lightning Protection for Amateur Radio Stations" will be presented by Lloyd Berg, N9LB. Lloyd is a retired Broadcast Engineer with 50 years of experience building and maintaining AM, FM and TV Broadcast Stations. Learn from a professional how to make your station as lightning resistant

as possible. Lloyd will be available to answer your questions, so please join us for an interesting evening on Tuesday, April 13th. All are welcome:

Time: Our Zoom host and Program Chairman, Kevin Shea, N9JKP, will be online from 5:45 Central Daylight Time to socialize before the business meeting begins and to provide time to work through any technical issues. In case of problems getting on, you can call or text Kevin at 608-444-4125.

A brief business meeting will begin at 6:10 Central Daylight Time. The program will begin immediately following the meeting at 6:30 Central Daylight Time, sharp. All interested hams are welcome.

To Join the Zoom Meeting and Program simply use this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83181396616?pwd=dUIrdWo3bE45T0xyUkZOS2xKdDBIZz09
Meeting ID: 831 8139 6616
Password: 124658

OE50, AUSTRIA (Special Event). Hannes, OE3SGU/OE1SGU, will activate the special event station OE50AGCW from Vienna during the month of May. Activity is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the German Telegraphy Club (AGCW). Opertaions will be on 160-6 meters using CW. QSL via the Bureau, OQRS, LoTW or eQSL. NO SWL-reports via eQSL pse!

OE130, AUSTRIA (Special Event). Look for special event station OE130KUK to be active between September 1st to October 30th. This special event callsign is to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the first telegraphy course in the "Franz Josef-Casern" (barracks) in Tulln. QSL via the Bureau.

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). Details on how to subscribe and unsubscribe from the "OPDX Mailing List" are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW
PLEASE NOTE: OUTLOOK users PLEASE read below.

OS, BELGIUM (Special Prefix). The Belgian Institute for Postal Services and Telecommunications (BIPT) has announced that all Belgian radio amateurs and Belgian radio clubs may replace the normal prefix "ON" in their call-sign by the special prefix OS during the period between April 18, 2021, to December 12, 2021. This measure does NOT apply to short callsigns (vanity calls) and the callsigns of unmanned stations. The BIPT explains its decision to celebrate two special events of special importance this year:

1) The "International Radio Amateur Day", on April 18, 2021.
2) The anniversary of the first transatlantic radio transmission, on December 12, 2021. On that date, it will be 120 years ago that Guglielmo MARCONI first succeeded in bridging the Atlantic Ocean wireless with radio signals.

P4, ARUBA. John, W2GD, will once again be active as P40W between May 25th and June 1st. Activity will be (when time permits) on the various HF bands, with some focus on the 30/17/12 meters and 160 meters mostly on CW (before and after the contest). His activity will also include an entry in the upcoming CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 29-30th) signing as P44W and as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW or N2MM. No bureau cards.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (April 12-18th).....

Apr/12th	AN	Apr/15th	AN	Apr/17th	HN
Apr/13th	AN	Apr/16th	DIS	Apr/18th	LN
Apr/14th	AN				

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at: https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: http://sunspotwatch.com
* Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) & National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminisration (NOAA): https://www.swpc.noaa.gov https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/solar-cycle-progression
* News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment: https://www.spaceweather.com
* Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: http://arrl.org/propagation
* Information and tutorials on propagation are at: http://k9la.us
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Real-time propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (April 11th) and various sources provided by OPDX

3Z0WARD via SP6IEQ & (L)	D2EB via IZ3ETU	PG96WARD via PG1R
3Z6V via SP6DVP	DC220GERKE via DJ6SI	PI4YLC via PD3GVQ
3Z90DZC via SP5DZC	DK30FFO via DL3BXX (**)	R1961GP via R4CR (O)
4O4T via YU1FW	DP0POL/MM via DL5EBE	S2TJ via PIRATE
5R8AL via G3SWH	DQ700JL via (B)	S79KW via N4GNR
5Z4VJ via M0URX	HB0/HB9LCW via HB9LCW & (L)	SQ0MORSE via SP1EG
7V7V via 7X2RO	HB15SOTA via HB9DPR	SX200ME via SV1ME
8S0C via SM0MPV & (L)	II3STAY via IN3ZWF	TG9ADV via EC6DX
9A10FF via 9A2MF	II4DANT via IK4UQE	TG9AWS via W3HNK
9A25RBM via 9A4J	I5LDV via IQ5LV(B);IK5ZUB(d)	TK/F1MZQ via F1MZQ & (e)
9A88A via 9A1UN	J73ESL via EA5GL	TM60YURI via F1UJT
9K2BS via EC6DX	LC1V via LA4LN	TM7IGRY via F1DHX
9V1YC via W5UE	LX5WARD via LX1JH	TR8CA via F6CBC
A25SL via N4GNR	LZ21DIG via LZ2VP	TT8SN via DL9USA
A61DD via EA7FTR	NL7S via N4GNR	TZ4AM via W0SA
A71OK via EA5GL	OE100HLF via OE6HLF (e)	UK8ZC via RW6HS
AP2AJM via IK2DUW	OK/N3RTX via OK1XC	V31CO via W0YBS
AP2SD via EA5ZD	OL70DG via OK1DG	VP2ETE via W3HNK
AP2TN via DJ9ZB	OL75KCR via OK1KCR (O)	YJ8RN via NZ4DX

C37AC via EA3QS
CM2XN via EB7DX & (L)
CN8GC via RW6HS
CO7CRJ via IK2DUW
CO8LY via EA7ADH
OM77PA via OM4MM
OX3XR via PA3249
OZ75BO via OZ1ACB
OZ75MAY via OZ1ACB
PA21BP via PA3EFR
ZA/IK2RLM via IZ2LSP
ZC4GR via EB7DX & (L)
ZD8HZ via TA1HZ
ZR6DX via EA7FTR

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau (n) no printed QSLs
(**) QSL automatically via Bureau - do not send QSLs

LOGS ONLINE (New/Updated) AVAILABLE ON CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
https://clublog.org/logsearch/9G5FI (Updated)
https://clublog.org/logsearch/A25RU (Updated)
https://clublog.org/logsearch/C92RU (Updated)
https://clublog.org/logsearch/TO1K
https://clublog.org/logsearch/ZD8HZ (Updated)

RI0Q LOG STATUS. Charles, M0OXO, reports: Having spoken to the RI0Q Team earlier today (April 7th), they inform me of the following regarding their AS-152 operation: "The RI0Q Log will be available for QSO matching after 6 months (November 1st). Once OQRS Cards have been ordered, the respective QSO's will be uploaded to LoTW." The RI0Q IOTA DXpedition was from Bolshoy Begichev Island (AS-152).

NEW QSL ROUTE FOR VK4TE (1965-1966 Only; U.S. ONLY). Leo, K8PYD, informs OPDX that the QSL Manager (Daniel, W8ZCQ) for the 1965-1966 VK4TE Willis Island operation is now SK (Silent Key), and he now has the logs and a supply of blanks cards for USA operators ONLY. Leo states, "Happy to reply to any outstanding cards from USA hams that still need confirmation with this station from Willis Island only." REMEMBER, this is for the 1965-1966 VK4TE Willis Island operation ONLY and not the current operation.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: CR5T, D2FJZ, DT8A, HP3AK, IK4LZH, J28PJ, J79WTA, JA7BXS, M0TTQ, OY1DZ, OZ75BO, S57S, SP9N, TZ4AM, VA3IKE, VE3DS, VE9MY, VI100AF, VY2MI, XE2JS and YB9KA

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: NP2J, OA4SS, P43A, ZD7FT and ZD7JC

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

S77, SEYCHELLES (Special Event). Members of the Seychelles Amateur Radio Society (SARA) will activate the special callsign S77SARA from Mahe Island (AF-024) during World Amateur Radio Day (April 18th). Operators mentioned are Kamil/S79KW, Rick/S79RP and Ravi/S79VU, and they will be on the air between 1100-1300 UTC.

SPECIAL EVENT. There will be plenty special event stations active over the next week or so to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the space flight of Yury A. Gagarin. A special award/diploma by the Miller-DX Club is available for working the following stations between April 12-25th: RA60YG, RC60YG, RD60YG, RG60YG, RJ60YG, RK60YG, RL60YG, RM60YG, RO60YG, RQ60YG, RT60YG, RU60YG, RV60YG, RWG60YTC, RX60YG, R60YAG, RN61YG from all Federal Districts of Russia, as well as K1S - USA Radio communications during

the project days with the R60MCC ATP in Korolev, Moscow Region, Mission Control Center, are credited to the Star Patrol diploma. For the first time, a new member of the Miller-DX Club, cosmonaut Alexander Volkov, U4MIR, will take an active part in the project. QSL Manager for all special callsigns is RQ7L. For more details, see: https://mdxc.ru

TM100, FRANCE (Special Event). Members of the Radio Club l'agglomération Dunkerquoise (F8KGS) and Regional Association in Scientific Radiocommunications (A.2.R.S) will activate the special callsign TM100CLG to commemorate the 100th anniversary (Centenary) of their town, Cappelle la Grande, between May 15-29th. Activity will be on all modes and bands; if possible. A special QSL card will be sent via Bureau. QSL via F8KGS.

TM60, FRANCE (Special Event). Members of the ISS Fan Club (issfanclub.eu) will activate the special event station TM60YURI for the 60th anniversary of the first space human flight with Yuri Gagarine in 1961. Activity will take place between April 10-25th. QSL via F1UJT, direct or by the Bureau.

W8S SWAINS ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. Alex, PA1AW, from Heerjansdam, posted the following on the W8S Swains Island Web page on April 11th [edited]:
Thank You for your trust and patience... Although we are still in the blind about when the world will open up again enough to make the Swains DXpedition happen, we would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters for their trust in us and patience for the thing to come. Regularly we still receive new or additional support from private sponsors; THANK YOU!

For more details and updates, see the following URLs pages:
Swains Island DXpedition Web page -- https://swains2020.lldxt.eu/
Facebook -- https://www.facebook.com/swains2020
Twitter -- https://twitter.com/swains2020

YB, INDONESIA. Hans, YB2DX, will once again be active during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to his home callsign.

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